

# **Tiverton School Committee Meeting**

**February 24, 2009**

## **Regular Session**

**Board Members Present: Mrs. Coulter, Mr. Wright, Mr. Bergandy, Mrs. Herrmann, Mrs. Black**

**Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Fezette, Mrs. Blaess, Mrs. Sanna**

## **Minutes**

**1) Call to Order-The February 24, 2009 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mr. Bergandy at 7:00 p.m.**

**2) Possible Executive Session (PI42-46-4)**

## **Consent Agenda**

**3) Approval of Minutes**

**Regular: 02/24/2009**

**Executive: 02/24/2009**

**4) Personnel Action**

**a) Appointments**

**1) Custodian-Tiverton High School-Mario Silva**

**End Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Black/Wright to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 5-0.**

### **5) Old Business**

**a) Elementary Building Update-Mr. Rearick thanked the custodial staff, the technical staff, teachers and volunteers who recently helped with the move of Fort Barton and Pocasset schools. The schools opened yesterday, everything went smoothly. Another open house will be planned within the next week or two.**

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**b) Approval of Teacher Non-renewals & Displacements-A motion was made by Wright/Black to approve the non-renewals and displacements as presented by the Superintendent. Vote 5-0.**

**c) Inappropriate Use of School Resources for Political Purposes-R. Coulter-A motion was made by Black/Wright to move after 6f. Vote 5-0.**

**d) 2009/2010 Budget-Following discussion by the Superintendent and the Committee the following motion was made.**

**A motion was made by Bergandy/Wright that the retirement savings of \$52,595. and the health savings be built into the budget. Vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Coulter).**

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**A motion was made by Black/Bergandy to move to 6f) State Revenue Reductions. Vote 5-0.**

**6f) State Revenue Reductions-Mr. Goncalo and Mr. Bollin reported where the town and municipal government are with their budget at this point. The purpose of coming before the Committee is to ask for help from the school department in reducing the budget. Is a hold on pension payments to the state a possibility? If there is any way that the school department can help alleviate some of the problems the town is experiencing they will. Mr. Bollin thanked the Committee for listening to what he and Mr. Goncalo had to say.**

## **6) New Business**

**a) Approval of Dedication Plaque-Pocasset School-A motion was made by Black/Wright to approve the design as presented. Vote 5-0.**

**b) Format for School Committee Minutes-A motion was made by Coulter/Wright to add slightly more details to the minutes. Vote 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Black/Wright to move to item 5c. Vote 5-0.**

**5 c) Inappropriate Use of School Resources for Political**

**Purposes-Mr. Coulter addressed the Committee regarding his original complaint which he filed with the School Committee on July 8, 2008, on the topic of inappropriate use of school resources for political purposes. Mr. Rearick provided a response to RIDE as soon as he received the letter. He is still waiting to hear back from them. The case is under review.**

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**d) Minutes sub-committee-A motion was made by Black/Bergandy accept the minutes (Regular & Executive) of October 28, 2008. Vote 5-0.**

**e) Home Schooling Request(s)-A motion was made by Bergandy/Black to approve the enclosed home schooling requests. Vote 5-0.**

**f) State Revenue Reductions-J. Goncalo-addressed above**

**g) Discussion of Mandates at State Level-The state has not yet asked for the list to be submitted yet. They are submitted through the town and then the town submits to the state. In Rhode Island there are federal laws and Rhode Island laws.**

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**Respectfully submitted,**

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